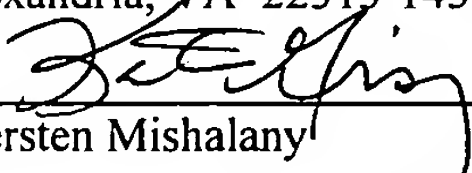




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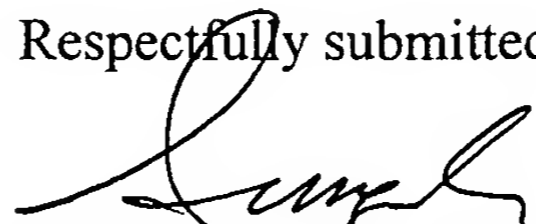
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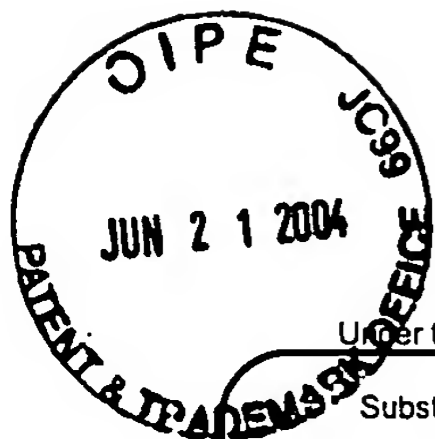
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 4, 2004, and having a shortened one-month response period, Applicant submits the following Amendment with corrected claim status identifiers.

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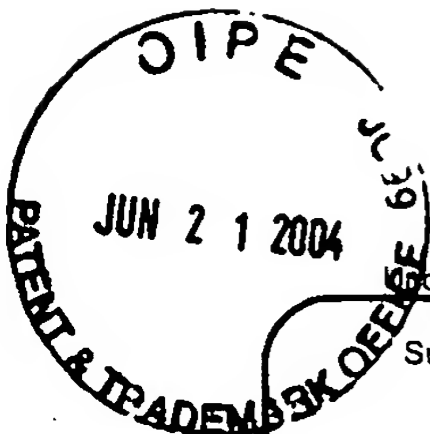
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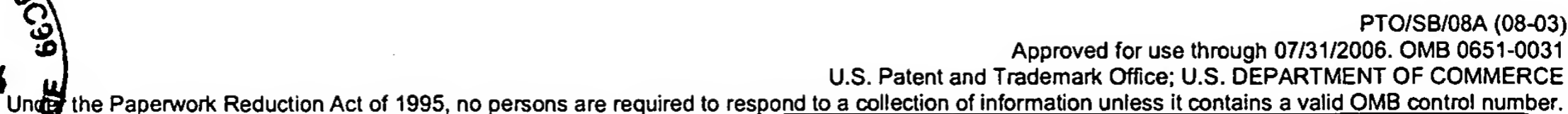
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